Maine Educational Assessments (MEA)
2016-2017
Mathematics and ELA/Literacy
eMPowerME Grades 3-8

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Morning Session
February 6-9, 2017
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NOT Ground Hog's Day

- Charlene and Nancy are back.
- Measured Progress, College Board and eMetric are back.
- Still eMPowerME (3-8)
- Still SAT (High School)
- Still MSAA as the Alternate
- No bill before the legislature to change assessments

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Participation Rates are Awesome!!

	2014-15	2015-16
ELA/Literacy	89.92%	97.49%
Mathematics	89.53%	97.47%
Science	90.36%	95.41%

Now we need to work on the % participating in alternate assessment.

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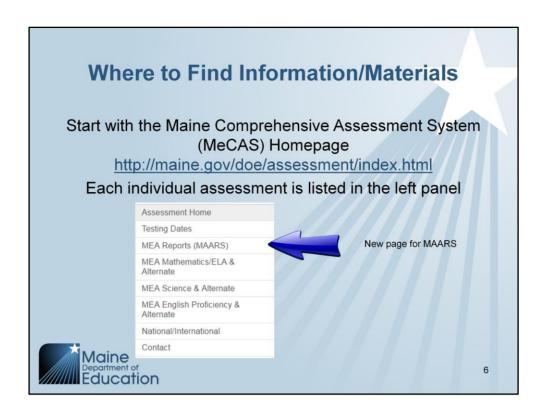Department of
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New Reporting System (MAARS)

- Thank you for your patience. It will be much quicker next year (summer).
- Individual Student Reports over vacation
- ACCESS 2.0 data
- Pilot of local demographics and assessments

- Next year: Building in ESSA Accountability

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Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)

- Still Min: 95% participation; Max: 1% alternate
- ESSA Consolidated Plan due in April
- Meetings with ESSA Advisory and Work Groups
- Focusing on accountability system (not finalized)
  - Likely to include growth component
  - Non-academic indicator (discussing chronic absenteeism)
- Discussing system for school support
- Go to www.maine.gov/doe/essa
  (Updates, Meeting minutes, Opportunity for input)

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This URL takes you to the MeCAS home page. Each individual assessment is listed in the left panel, including a new page link for the Maine Assessment and Accountability Reporting System (MAARS).

All MEA Testing Dates
http://maine.gov/doe/assessment/dates.html

2016 – 2017 MeCAS Testing Dates

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Test Name	Testing Dates	Intended For
MEA (Alternate) Science (PAAP) (portfolio)	12/1/2016 – 4/30/2017	Students with significant cognitive disabilities; Grades 5, 8, 3rd year HS
MEA – English Language Proficiency WIDA ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 Kindergarten (Paper) Grades 1-12 (Online)	1/17/2017 – 3/3/2017	English learners K-12
MEA (Alternate) – English Language Proficiency WIDA Alternate ACCESS (paper/pencil)	1/17/2017 - 3/3/2017	English learners K-12 with significant cognitive disabilities
MEA (Alternate) Mathematics & ELA/Literacy Multi-State Alternate Assessment – MSAA (online)	3/27/17 - 5/12/17 (6 week window)	Students with significant cognitive disabilities; Grades 3-8, 3rd year HS
MEA – Mathematics & ELA/Literacy - Grades 3-8 eMPowerME (online)	3/20/17 - 4/14/17 (4 week window)	All students Grades 3-8
MEA – Science H.S. (paper/pencil)	4/3/17 - 4/14/17 (2 week window)	All students 3rd year HS
MEA - Mathematics & ELA/Literacy – SAT H.S. (paper/pencil)	4/5/17 (W) Makeup - 4/25/17 (T)	All students 3rd year HS
NEW MEA - Mathematics & ELA/Literacy – SAT H.S. - NAR/SAA/MPO	4/5/17 - 4/18/17 (2 Week Window)	Students with NAR (non-standard administration roster) & State Allowed Accommodations (SAA/MPO)
MEA – Science Grades 5 & 8 (paper/pencil)	4/24/17 - 5/5/17 (2 week window)	All students Grades 5 & 8
NEW MEA ELA/Literacy – Grades 3-8 eMPowerME Writing/Essay Session	5/8/17 – 5/19/17 (2 week window)	All students Grades 3-8

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The first link on the left (Testing Dates) brings you to a list of all MeCAS testing dates for 2017. Above is a snapshot of MEA testing dates. Note a new entry for a separate eMPowerME 2-week test window for the essay for grades 3-8 (May 8 – 19).

Where to Find Information/Materials

For eMPowerME, click:
- MEA Mathematics & English Language Arts/Literacy, then
  - MEA (General) Mathematics and ELA/Literacy
    - Calendar of Events
    - Frequently Asked Questions
    - Professional Development and Training
    - Test Administration Materials
    - Supports & Resources

MEA Math & ELA Home
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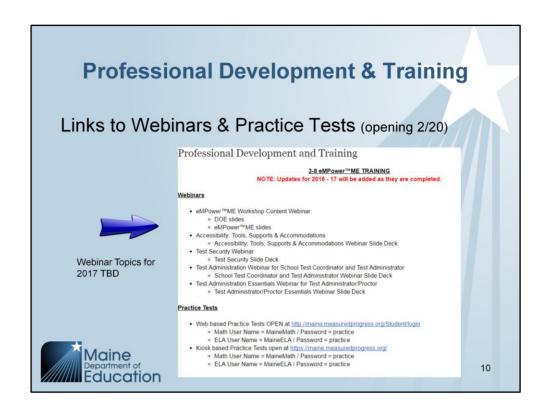Support & Resources

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The 3rd link on the left brings you to MEA Mathematics/ELA & Alternate. Click on MEA Mathematics & English Language Arts/Literacy, then MEA (General) Mathematics and ELA/Literacy. This give you links to:
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Calendar of Events (snapshot)

GRADES 3-8 MATHEMATICS & ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS/LITERACY

DATE	EVENT	WHERE/HOW
Open	Measured Progress Maine Help & Support	http://maine.onlinehelp.measuredprogress.org/
Posted	2016 Released Items	http://maine.onlinehelp.measuredprogress.org/2016-released-items/
1/9/17	**2016 FEBRUARY MATH/ELA WORKSHOPS REGISTRATION OPEN**	Dates & Morning vs. Afternoon Session Details Below https://iregister.measuredprogress.org/client
1/9/17	First state-wide upload of student enrollment data	By DOE to Measured Progress via Infinite Campus State Edition (ICSE) – *daily school/district enrollment updates are recommended.*
posted	Sample Items (Math, Reading, Writing)	http://www.maine.gov/doe/assessment/math-ela/admistration/index.html
coming soon	2017 Test Administration Manual (TAM)	http://www.maine.gov/doe/assessment/math-ela/admistration/index.html
coming soon	2017 Test Coordinator Manual (TCM)	http://www.maine.gov/doe/assessment/math-ela/admistration/index.html
posted	2017 Kiosk Installation Guide	http://www.maine.gov/doe/assessment/math-ela/admistration/index.html
posted	2017 Portal User Guide	http://www.maine.gov/doe/assessment/math-ela/admistration/index.html
posted	2017 Accessibility Guide	http://www.maine.gov/doe/assessment/math-ela/admistration/index.html
posted	2017 Technology Guidelines	http://www.maine.gov/doe/assessment/math-ela/admistration/index.html
coming soon	2017 Directions for Administering Online Sample Items	http://www.maine.gov/doe/assessment/math-ela/admistration/index.html

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Here is a snapshot of some eMPowerME calendar of events. Please check frequently as this is continuously updated.

Here is a snapshot of some eMPowerME Professional Development & Training. The topics for 2017 webinars are to be determined and yet to be posted. Again please check frequently as this is updated as links become available.
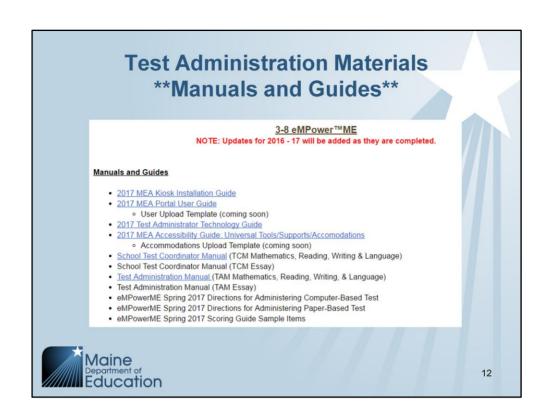
Test Administration Materials

Links to:
- Manuals and Guides
- Scribe and Read Aloud Protocol
- Quick Starts & Cheat Sheets
- Forms
  - eMPowerME Paper Version Request
  - Special Considerations
- Test Security & Data Privacy Agreements

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Here is a list of some eMPowerME Test Administration Materials. Please check frequently as this is updated as links become available.

Test Administration Materials
Manuals and Guides

3-8 eMPower™ME
NOTE: Updates for 2016 - 17 will be added as they are completed.

Manuals and Guides

- 2017 MEA Kiosk Installation Guide
- 2017 MEA Portal User Guide
  - User Upload Template (coming soon)
- 2017 Test Administrator Technology Guide
- 2017 MEA Accessibility Guide: Universal Tools/Supports/Accomodations
  - Accommodations Upload Template (coming soon)
- School Test Coordinator Manual (TCM Mathematics, Reading, Writing & Language)
- School Test Coordinator Manual (TCM Essay)
- Test Administration Manual (TAM Mathematics, Reading, Writing, & Language)
- Test Administration Manual (TAM Essay)
- eMPowerME Spring 2017 Directions for Administering Computer-Based Test
- eMPowerME Spring 2017 Directions for Administering Paper-Based Test
- eMPowerME Spring 2017 Scoring Guide Sample Items

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Here is a snapshot of the Manuals and Guides. As you can see, some are posted and have blue/live links. Those without live links are still under review and will be posted as they are completed. Please note that there will be separate TCMs and TAMs for the Math/Reading/Writing&Language and Essay.

MEA: Math and ELA/Literacy
What's the Same?

- Grades 3-8 state assessment in Math and ELA/Literacy
- eMPower™ME – Measured Progress
- Testing Platform = eMPowerME Kiosk – eMetric
- Fixed Form/not adaptive
- Variety of Universal Tools, Supports & Accommodations

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MEA: Math and ELA/Literacy
What's Different/Improved?

Testing Sessions/Times
- Mathematics Sessions 1 & 2 (65 min each)
- Writing/Language Sessions 1 & 2 (25 min each)
- Reading Sessions 1 & 2 (70 min each)
- Essay Session
  - 70-80 minutes grades 3-5
  - 60-70 minutes grades 6-8
  - Its own separate session and testing window
  - Its own passages

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This year the test session have time limits. For each session, if a student needs some extra time, you can allow them to work for an additional 10 minutes. Beyond that, student should have the "Extended Time" support. Even with the extra 10 minutes and extended time support, each session MUST be completed in one day.

Testing Sessions/Times

- Each test session has a set amount of time based on the testing times from 2015-16
- Students who require more time may have an extra 10 minutes in each session for completion
- Students with Extended Time Support may continue in a single session during one day only
- All student test sessions are automatically 'submitted' at the end of each calendar day – a student may NOT return to any session on subsequent days

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2017 eMPower Testing Times

Test Section	Number of Sessions	Testing Time per Session by Grade (minutes)*						Additional Time if needed
		3	4	5	6	7	8	Grades 3-8
Mathematics	2	65	65	65	65	65	65	10
Reading	2	70	70	70	70	70	70	10
Writing & Language	2	25	25	25	25	25	25	10
TOTAL TESTING TIME	6	320	320	320	320	320	320	

Test Section	Number of Sessions	Testing Time by Grade (minutes)*						Additional Time if needed
		3	4	5	6	7	8	
Essay	1	70	70	70	60	60	60	10
TOTAL Essay TIME	1	70	70	70	60	60	60	

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In 2015-16, 90% of students were able to complete sessions in the outlined times. All sessions have a time limit based on this data while any student may have an extra 10 minutes for each session. Any time beyond this must be documented in an Extended Time Support and still must be completed within one day. For students with this support, you may want to only schedule one session per day.

The 2017 Special Consideration request process is new and online this year. As these links become live/blue, please view the training webinar.

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How To Stay Updated

1. *District Assessment Coordinator (DAC) email list

2. *MEA listserv – subscribe!
   https://mailman.informe.org/mailman/listinfo/mea

3. DOE Updates: http://mainedoenews.net/
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